



INTERPRETIVE ACTIVITIES

NOVEMBER 2019

Saturday, November 2, 2019

11:00 a.m. ♿ – Junior Rangers

1 Hour

Special program for children ages 7-12. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited.

7:00 p.m. Campfire ♿ – Desperate Times in the Desert Call for Desperate Measures!

1 Hour

Life in the desert can be pretty harsh, but many animals (and plants!) have pretty unique strategies for dealing with challenging conditions. Join Park Interpreter Sally Theriault as we discover some of their secrets of survival. Meet at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campground Campfire Center.

Sunday, November 3, 2019

7:30 a.m. Walk ♿ – Bird Walk

1.5 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Ann Keenan for a walk around the Visitor Center vicinity looking for the common birds of our desert. All birding levels welcome. Meet in the Visitor Center parking lot. Please bring binoculars. Rain cancels.

11:00 a.m. Walk ♿ – Desert Inspiration

1 Hour

Join Regina Reiter, Park Interpretive Specialist for a sensory exploration of the desert in word and color that will nourish your connection with the rugged beauty of the desert. You'll be surprised how much keener and richer your desert observations are after this hands-on experience. Meet in front of the Visitor Center for this gentle walk.

2:00 p.m. Walk – Bill Kenyon Overlook

2 Hours

Join Park Interpreter Sally Theriault for a 1.5-mile walk on uneven ground to a beautiful desert overlook. Meet at Yaqui Pass Campground, on Highway S-3, near mile marker 2.0. Please wear sturdy shoes and bring water.

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

8:30 a.m. Member Hike – Free ABF Member Hike

3.5 Hours



Meet at the State Park Store in The Mall. Join ABF for our monthly member hikes (the first Tuesday of each month, November through April). Led by retired Park Rangers, various Park enthusiasts, and ABF staff, these hikes will take you to accessible spots throughout the northern area of the Park. Our hikes are a free perk for ABF members. Not a member? Ask about joining at the Visitor Center or State Park Store or visit <http://www.theabf.org/events> to join online. No advance registration required.

Thursday, November 7, 2019

11:00 a.m. Walk ♿ – Notice and Wonder

1.5 Hours

Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter to explore Nature journaling. We'll explore the desert using very basic techniques of writing, drawing, and painting to help us see, remember, and investigate vibrantly. No artistic ability required! Bring your own journal or use ours. Be prepared with water and sunhat. Meet in front of the Visitor Center.

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Thursday, November 7, 2019 (continued)

4:00 p.m. Walk ♿ – Desert Inspiration

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Friday, November 8, 2019

10:00 a.m. ♿ – Long Vanished Past: An Introduction to ABDSP Paleontology

1 Hour

ABDSP District Paleontologist Dr. Lyndon K. Murray

The Colorado Desert of southeastern California was not always as it appears today; a forbidding and stark landscape populated mostly with medium to small creatures hiding by day and active at night. This was once a verdant and vibrant terrain – an environment of rivers and streams, lakes, woodlands and savanna; home to herds of large and giant grazers and carnivores, plus a wide variety of smaller vertebrates and invertebrates. Before that it held an inland ocean teeming with great varieties of sea life. The key to understanding and engaging this prehistoric world is paleontology, the study of the fossilized remains of that ancient life. **Meet at the Steele-Burnand Desert Research Center, 401 Tilting T Dr.**

11:30 a.m. Walk ♿ – Rainbow Any Day

1 Hour

Even when it's not raining, you can discover a rainbow of color in the desert. Join Park Interpretive Specialist, Regina Reiter, for a unique view of the desert nearby the Visitor Center, exploring how color occurs and reveals details of the desert that we often only glimpse. Meet in front of the Visitor Center.

7:00 p.m. Film Screening – The Ghost Mountain Experiment

2 Hours



Meet at the Borrego Springs Branch Library. Join filmmaker John McDonald for this 57-minute documentary that explores Marshal South, an eccentric artist and author, and his wife Tanya, who, in 1930, fled civilization in pursuit of a simple back-to-nature lifestyle. For seventeen years they lived on a remote, waterless mountaintop in the California desert and raised three children. Free and open to the public. Visit www.theabf.org/events or call 760-767-0446 x1004 for more details.

Saturday, November 9, 2019

8:30 a.m. Hike – Culp Valley Walkabout

3 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Ted Caragozian for a walkabout in the transition habitat of Culp Valley and experience Pena Spring and its associated riparian area. Then follow a section of the Riding and Hiking Trail to an outstanding overlook before looping back to the start. Meet at the entrance to Culp Valley Campground between Mile Markers 9 and 9.5 on highway S-22. This hike is rated moderate.

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9:00 a.m. Hike – Ghost Mountain Homestead Hike

3 Hours



Join filmmaker John McDonald for a moderate 2.2-mile round trip hike to Ghost Mountain to learn about the South family. In 1930, eccentric artist and author Marshal and his wife Tanya fled civilization and instead lived on a remote, waterless mountaintop in the Anza-Borrego desert and raised three children. There will be frequent stops along the trail to discuss the techniques the Souths used to survive in the remote wilderness, points of interest, and to share archival and production photos. \$35/\$25 for ABF Members. Advanced registration is required. Visit www.theabf.org/events or call for more details and to register: 760-767-0446 x1004.

11:00 a.m. ♿ – Junior Rangers Family Hike to Big Spring

1.5 Hours

Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter for a family walk. We'll take a moderate walk to a hidden spring. Kids 7-12 will receive their Junior Ranger badge. Bring water and wear a sun hat. **Meet at the pullout at mile 11.3 on Highway S-22 west of Borrego Springs. Please sign up before 10 a.m. at the Visitor Center. Call 760-767-4205.**

2:45 p.m. Talk ♿ – Moon Features Come Alive

1 Hour

Have you wondered what the "Man in the Moon" really is? Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter for this interactive program to discern the features of the Moon and see a demonstration of the Moon phases. Meet in the Visitor Center Discovery Lab. Watch the Moon rise at 4:00!

7:00 p.m. Campfire ♿ – Bighorn Sheep

1 Hour

Join Ranger Carina Hammang for a family-oriented campfire program featuring bighorn sheep and their adaptations to our harsh desert environment. Meet at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center located at the far end of the Borrego Palm Canyon Campground. Walk up the paved path from the parking area.

Sunday, November 10, 2019

3:00 p.m. Hike – Sunset/Moonlight Hike

5 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Ted Caragozian for a desert hike to enjoy the sunset over the mountains and return under the nearly full moon to get a different perspective of the desert at a surprise location. Bring warm clothes and a flashlight (to be used only if necessary). We will cover as much as six miles and the daylight portion will involve walking over uneven ground. Limited to 15 participants – please sign up at the Visitor Center and include your phone number to receive meeting details.

3:45 p.m. Talk ♿ – The Moon Rises

1 Hour

Watch the full moon rise over the eastern mountains at dusk! Join Regina Reiter, Park Interpretive Specialist on the roof of the Visitor Center for our usually spectacular show of the full moon.

Thursday, November 14, 2019

4:00 p.m. Walk ♿ – Rainbow Any Day

1 Hour

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11:00 a.m. Video Screening & – Colorado Desert Archaeology Society

1 Hour



Hidden away in the canyons of a top secret military base on the edge of the Mojave Desert is the largest concentration of rock art in North America. Created over thousands of years by a now vanished culture, it represents the oldest art in California. *TALKING STONE* explores the remote canyons and mysteries surrounding these amazing images. The leading expert on the rock art of the Cosos, Dr. Alan P. Garfinkel, has teamed up with the accomplished film maker Paul Goldsmith ASC, to explore and explain this ancient and elegant rock art. Meet at ABDSP Visitor Center Discovery Lab.

4:00 p.m. Walk & – Let's Be Crepuscular

1 Hour

You probably know “Nocturnal”, maybe “Diurnal”. Walk with Regina Reiter, Park Interpretive Specialist for an easy walk near the Visitor Center at dusk to explore the fascinating and surprisingly active hour between the day and night. Meet in front of the Visitor Center.

Saturday, November 16, 2019

11:00 a.m. Junior Ranger Family Walk – Culp Valley

1.5 Hours

Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter for a family walk in one of the favorite areas of Anza-Borrego that features an awesome scenic overlook and beautiful boulders. Kids ages 7 – 12 will receive their Junior Ranger badge. Wear sturdy shoes and a sun hat. Bring water. *Sign up at the Visitor Center or call 760-767-4205 before 10 a.m.* **Meet at the entrance to Culp Valley Campground between mile markers 9 and 9.5 on highway S-22.**

3:30 p.m. Walk & – Desert Inspiration

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7:00 p.m. Campfire & – Mystery Cat: Anza-Borrego's Elusive Mountain Lion

45 Minutes

Join volunteer naturalist Don Endicott for a 45-minute multi-media introduction to the natural history of the Park's seldom seen apex predator. Don's talk will describe the amazing attributes and signature behaviors of our big cats, show how relationships between Mountain Lions and people changed over time, and outline their key contributions to a healthy wilderness environment. Meet at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center.



Sunday, November 17, 2019

7:30 a.m. Walk & – Bird Walk

1.5 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Ann Keenan for a walk around the Visitor Center vicinity looking for the common birds of our desert. All birding levels welcome. Meet in the Visitor Center parking lot. Please bring binoculars. Rain cancels.

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11:00 a.m. Talk ♿ – Bighorn Sheep: Symbol of Desert Wilderness

1 Hour

Join Park volunteers and staff to find out about bighorn sheep. Where did they come from? What is their history here in the desert? What are their prospects for the future?

2:00 p.m. Hike – Bill Kenyon Overlook

1.5 Hours

Join Park Interpreter Sally Theriault for a 1.5-mile walk on uneven ground to a beautiful desert overlook. Meet at Yaqui Pass Campground, on Highway S-3, near mile marker 2.0. Bring water, and wear sturdy shoes, sunscreen and a hat.

Thursday, November 21, 2019

9:00 a.m. Hike – Badlands Bench with a View

2 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Paul Larson and Mary Ekelund for a moderate 2 ½ mile hike up a badlands wash to a memorial bench with a marvelous view. Learn about some interesting plants and geological features along the way. Meet at the intersection of Inspiration Wash and S-22 by driving east on S-22 past mile marker 28 for 1/2 miles.

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Friday, November 22, 2019

4:00 p.m. Walk ♿ – Let's Be Crepuscular

1 Hour

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Saturday, November 23, 2019

2:00 p.m. Junior Ranger Family Walk – Bill Kenyon Overlook

1.5 Hours

Join Park Interpreter Sally Theriault for a 1.5-mile walk on uneven ground to a beautiful desert overlook. Kids 7-12 will receive their Junior Ranger badge. Bring water and wear a sun hat. *Please sign up before 1 p.m. at the Visitor Center. Call 760-767-4205.* Meet at Yaqui Pass Campground, on Highway S-3, near mile marker 2.0. Bring water, sturdy shoes, and a hat.

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7:00 p.m. Talk ♿ – Enjoy Anza-Borrego's Dark Night Sky!

1.5 Hours

Winter nights can be perfect for Stargazing in the desert! Explore constellations and learn about the importance of dark skies everywhere. Dress warmly, bring binoculars if you have them, flashlight (red lens is preferable) and your imagination! Look for Sally Theriault, Park Interpreter, at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center, at the back of the campground. Walk up the paved path.

Sunday, November 24, 2019

11:30 a.m. Walk ♿ – Those Amazing Desert Plants!

1 Hour

Explore the Visitor Center garden with Park Interpreter Sally Theriault and discover some of the unique strategies that help plants survive here. Meet in front of the Visitor Center.

1:00 p.m. Bike Ride – “Earn Your Turkey” Bikes & Brews

4.5 Hours



Tour the Sky Art Sculptures of the Borrego Valley by Ricardo Breceda on our pre-Thanksgiving bike ride. This 20-mile route will take us to some great metal sculptures on both the northern and southern edges of Borrego Springs, as well as by newly conserved land by the Anza-Borrego Foundation. At the bike ride's end, we will share a brew provided by Burning Beard Brewery from El Cajon with our fellow bike riders. **\$20/\$15 for ABF Members. Advanced registration is required. Visit www.theabf.org/events or call for more details and to register: 760-767-0446 x1006.**

4:00 p.m. Walk ♿ – Let's Be Crepuscular

1 Hour

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Thursday, November 28, 2019



The Visitor Center is OPEN from 9a.m. – 5 p.m. Come on in!

Volunteers and staff will be happy to answer your questions, suggest hikes in the Park, and

Show you any of our five 15-minute videos.

Come explore our hands-on Discovery Lab!

OR Join our volunteers for an early morning hike! *See the next page.*

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9:00 a.m. Hike – Inside Truckhaven Rocks

3 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Mary Ekelund and Paul Larson for a moderate 3-mile hike up a wash into Truckhaven Rocks to a sandstone formation 4-5 million years old. These rocks are formed from sediments derived from local rock, are steeply tilted to the north, and have been called the “Swiss cheese” of our local desert. At one point we can climb up one of these tilted slabs for a great view. Bring water, snack, hat, and sturdy hiking shoes. Meet at the half-circle parking area at Mile Marker 36.2 on Highway S-22 heading east to the Salton Sea.

9:00 a.m. Hike – Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon

3 Hours

Volunteer Naturalist Mary Jo Churchwell will be roaming the Borrego Palm Canyon Trail searching for bighorn sheep and other interesting features along the trail. Look for her in her volunteer vest as you hike to the palm oasis. This is not a guided hike.

Friday, November 29, 2019

2:30 p.m. Walk – Panorama Overlook

2.5 Hours

Meet Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter at the Visitor Center to walk across the desert and up the Panorama Overlook Trail for good views of the Borrego Valley and Fonts Point. Wear sturdy shoes and bring at least one liter of water and a flashlight. Sunset is at 4:40 p.m.

Saturday, November 30, 2019

9:00 a.m. Hike – Big Spring Ramble

2.5 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Ted Caragozian to discover an oasis in the transition zone. Meet at the pullout at mile 11.3 on Highway S-22 for an easy-paced walk to Big Spring in Tubb Canyon. Wear sturdy footwear, a hat, and carry water. This hike is rated moderate.

10:00 a.m. Talk & – Murders and Unkindnesses

1 Hour

Join State Park Volunteer Naturalist Jeff Salton to discover the remarkable differences between Crows and Ravens, and explore some of the mystery and intrigue in the behavior of these two species in the Corvid family of birds. Curious, intelligent, mischievous...all these characteristics, and more, come to life in this interesting discussion of ... Murders and Unkindnesses!



2:00 p.m. Junior Ranger Family Walk in Little Surprise Canyon

1.5 Hours

Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter for a family hike. We will walk through a canyon to its end and climb out onto the ridge above and circle around back to the parking lot. Kids 7-12 will receive their Junior Ranger badge. Bring water and a hat. *Limited to those who have signed up at the Visitor Center before 1 p.m. today!* Meet at Hellhole Canyon Parking on S-22, west of Borrego Springs.

7:00 p.m. Campfire & – Animal Songs

1 Hour

Join Regina Reiter, Park Interpretive Specialist for a lighthearted program about Park animals. Meet at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center at end of the campground road. Walk up the paved path.

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DESERT SAFETY

✓ **Carry water AND drink it**

Saving your water for the hike back has led to death in Anza-Borrego. Drink plenty of water before you leave home, while you hike, and on the return route. If you feel thirsty, it is already too late. Drink lots of water and drink often.

✓ **Make sure your vehicle is desert-ready.**

Equip your vehicle for the desert. You should always carry extra water, a shade tarp, a shovel, a tire pump, and extra food.

✓ **Leave snakes alone.**

Many venomous snakes live in the desert. If you threaten them, they may strike. It is illegal to harass, catch, or kill any snake within Anza-Borrego. If bitten, remain calm and seek immediate medical attention.

✓ **Do not split up the group**

Stay together. Never leave anyone behind to rest.

✓ **Prepare yourself.**

In addition to carrying water, you should have protective clothing, sunscreen, a hat, a good map, food and a first aid kit that includes a comb and tweezers.

✓ **Have a plan.**

Leave all your trip information with a friend. Tell him/her your destination, the route you intend to follow, your expected return time, a description of your vehicle with license plate number, and the time by which he/she should notify park authorities in case you do not return.

✓ **When emergencies happen:**

Stop. Stay calm. Seek shelter. If you are with your vehicle, remain there; do not leave it. Signal with mirrors, white cloth, whistle (three short blasts on a whistle, pause, then three more, repeat frequently), and put your hood up. It is much easier to find a vehicle in the desert than a person!!!